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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGY TECHNICIANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-195aaa of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "psychology technician" means a person  
4 who (1) holds a bachelor's or graduate degree in psychology,  
5 psychometrics or another mental health field, and (2) has undergone  
6 not less than eighty hours of training provided by a psychologist  
7 licensed pursuant to chapter 383, including, but not limited to, (A) not  
8 less than four hours of education in professional ethics and best  
9 practices for the administration and scoring of objective psychological  
10 and neuropsychological tests, including, but not limited to, the  
11 American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists  
12 and Code of Conduct and legal obligations pertaining to patient  
13 confidentiality and reporting any suspicion of abuse or neglect of a  
14 patient, (B) not less than sixteen hours of studying and mastering  
15 information from psychological and neuropsychological testing  
16 manuals, (C) not less than twenty hours of direct observation of the

17 administration and scoring of objective psychological and  
18 neuropsychological tests by the psychologist, and (D) not less than  
19 forty hours of administering and scoring objective psychological and  
20 neuropsychological tests in the presence of the psychologist.

21 (b) [The services provided by psychology technicians include the  
22 administration and scoring of] A psychology technician may score  
23 objective psychological or neuropsychological tests with specific,  
24 predetermined and manualized administrative procedures. The  
25 responsibilities of a psychology technician include, but are not limited  
26 to, [observing and describing the behavior of the patient taking the test  
27 and the patient's test responses] obtaining and documenting a patient's  
28 test responses according to such procedures, but shall not include  
29 evaluation, interpretation or other judgments concerning the patient or  
30 the patient's test responses.

31 (c) A psychology technician may provide objective psychological or  
32 neuropsychological testing services under the supervision and  
33 direction of a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 383, provided:  
34 (1) The psychologist is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the  
35 psychology technician; (2) services provided are consistent with the  
36 health and welfare of the patient and in keeping with the practice of  
37 psychology; and (3) such services are provided under the oversight,  
38 control and direction of the psychologist, who shall remain in the  
39 facility where the psychology technician provides such services and be  
40 available to the psychology technician during the provision of such  
41 services.

42 (d) Each psychologist supervising or directing a psychology  
43 technician under subsection (c) of this section shall: (1) Verify that the  
44 psychology technician meets the requirements set forth in subsection  
45 (a) of this section prior to agreeing to supervise the psychology  
46 technician; (2) maintain documentation of such verification, including,  
47 but not limited to, the dates of completion of the educational and  
48 supervised work experience requirements; (3) make such  
49 documentation available to the Department of Public Health upon

50 request; and (4) supervise and direct not more than three psychology  
 51 technicians who are providing testing services simultaneously.

52 [(d)] (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the  
 53 activities and services of a person who is enrolled in a [psychology  
 54 technician educational program acceptable to the American  
 55 Psychological Association] doctorate degree program in psychology  
 56 approved under section 20-189 and providing psychological testing  
 57 under the supervision of a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter  
 58 383, provided such activities and services are incidental to the [course  
 59 of study] program.

60 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the  
 61 activities and services of a person holding a certificate as a school  
 62 psychologist or school psychological examiner that was granted by the  
 63 State Board of Education.

64 [(e)] (g) A psychology technician shall not: (1) Select tests; (2)  
 65 conduct intake assessments; (3) conduct clinical interviews, including,  
 66 but not limited to, patient interviews and collateral interviews of  
 67 relatives, friends of the patient or other professionals associated with  
 68 the patient; (4) interpret patient data; (5) communicate test results or  
 69 treatment recommendations to patients; or (6) administer tests in  
 70 educational institutions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	20-195aaa

***PH***      *Joint Favorable*